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AMONG THE SUBS.
Well, the past week has been a poor one for sub getting. Not only did it rain for three days so that no one could get out, but the water has almost put us without mail service. P. E. Daugherty of Anell managed to tree one, while Sol Diebold reminded me that I omitted the name of John Schlitt in last week's list.
Benton—Leo Stehr, J. E. Davall, C. H. Cannon, M. C. Morrow, W. T. Hooker.
Morley—Fred Williams, J. H. Hutton.
Commerce—W. J. Worsley, Kelso—John Reinagle.
New Hamburg—John Schlitt, Anell—George Walter, Sikeston—Charles Beattie.

OFFICIAL CALL FOR A REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.
To be held at Benton, Mo., on Tuesday, the 15th day of February, 1916, at 1 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of electing five delegates to the Republican State convention, to be held at Excelsior Springs, Mo., April 6th, 1916, and to elect 15 delegates to the Congressional Convention, to be held at Sikeston, Mo., March 9th, 1916.

The Republicans are requested to meet in their respective townships at the following time and places on Saturday, February 12, 1916, to select delegates to the county convention:
Commerce, Commerce township, city hall, 2 p. m., 10 delegates.
Chaffee, Kelso township, city hall, 7:30 p. m., 10 delegates.
Hilmo, Kelso township, city hall, 7:30 p. m., 10 delegates.
Benton, Benton township, city hall, 2 p. m., 7 delegates.
Morley, Morley township, city hall, 7:30 p. m., 6 delegates.
Sikeston, Sikeston township, city hall, 2 p. m., 7 delegates.
Blodgett, Blodgett township, city hall, 2 p. m., 5 delegates.
Oran, Oran township, city hall, 2 p. m., 5 delegates.
Perkins, Perkins township, city hall, 2 p. m., 5 delegates.
Lusk, Lusk township, city hall, 2 p. m., 5 delegates.
Hilmo, Hilmo township, city hall, 2 p. m., 5 delegates.
All Republican voters of Scott county, and all other qualified voters without regard to party affiliations who desire the policies of the Republican party are entitled and invited to participate in the township meetings.

Done by order of the Republican County Committee, January 27th, 1916.
W. H. TANNER, Chairman.
Sam Bowman, Secretary.

FROM COMMERCE.
We are having some water. The islands are all under water and have been practically abandoned. On Burnham's island there is a high ridge to which stock was taken, and mules are said to be standing in water up to their bodies.
All of Big Island's under water. Note of it left in 1912. When the water receded 10 acres of wheat, but this time it is gone. The victims of the flood on Big Island are Wm. Roth, Henry Roth, Wm. Smith, Joe W. Vargow, C. Griffith, Bob Griffith, J. N. Griffith, Pete Wise, C. C. Foster, C. Loman, Walter Loman, J. Ellis, Jack Harris. All will move off the island.
All of the wheat on the islands is ruined. Joe Will had 1700 bushels of unharvested corn in the field. The farmers outside the levee below town are also suffering. Oscar Caldwell and Albert Bondurant have moved out.

There has been a case in the government office at Charleston, A. Mounds and at Calwell's. The government tender with 2500 sand bags and 30 negroes went down Tuesday to evacuate the levee.
Residents in the buildings along the river front here have been ordered to move, as water is under all of the buildings. The Anderson Grain Co. have been moving corn and wheat from the levee warehouses since Friday. Some 150 sacks of water water cannot be gotten out.
Mrs. Sankers, mother of Mrs. J. B. Coffman, died in Mississippi and was brought here for burial Friday.

C. M. Murray and C. H. DeWitt attended the Republican county committee at Benton last week.
After a visit with her sister, Mrs. C. H. DeWitt, Mrs. Will Davis left for St. Louis Friday.
H. C. DeWitt and wife of St. Louis are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred DeWitt.
Rev. Bennett will begin a series of meetings here Sunday.

R. E. Reynolds and wife went to St. Louis Sunday.
Miss Hattie Ellis has moved into the Marshall house.
A. G. Bondurant broke one of his ribs last week.
H. W. Dodge of St. Louis was here Saturday.

ON THE FOAMY DEEP.
"Here's a nickel," said a thrifty housewife to a tramp at the door. "Now what are you going to do with it?"
"Well, mum," replied the hungry man, "I'll buy a touring car. I shan't have enough left to pay my chauffeur; if I purchase a steam yacht, there won't be enough left to defray the cost of manning her; so I guess, mum, I'll just get a schooner and handle her myself."—Harpers Magazine.

THE FLOODS.
The floods are general. The Mississippi river has reached its present stage only twice since the record-breaking high water of 1844. Saturday word reached here that the people were abandoning the islands about Commerce and the river has risen about two feet since.

Railroad traffic is completely demoralized. We have but one mail train a day and it goes around by Chaffee and gets here when it can. The line up the river to Cape was abandoned a week ago.
At the Cape the water is over the tracks on the levee and extends up to main street in places. The wood blocks with which the levee was paved have floated away. South Cape, known as mill town, is under water and the inhabitants had to move.
South of here the water is out over the low lands. The levee at Hickman, Ky., broke and rendered 500 people homeless. In the White river country in Arkansas whole towns are flooded and people were rescued from trees. A press dispatch tells of four mothers with babes in their arms being rescued from trees.
It is believed that the water reached its highest and will now begin to recede.

HERE AND YONDER.
It is interesting to note the number of gentlemen of high standing who are advising congress that some system of compulsory military service is necessary because people refuse to volunteer. Nothing proves more clearly that the masses are no longer to be ruled with the cry of patriotism and the flag, and they refuse to fight for a country they have to pay taxes in. Let the fellows who own the country enlist. That is the measure so far proposed there is a clause that exempts those on payment of a tax.

Peter Lindbergh, a former resident of Cape Girardeau, has come to the bank after a court at Cape Girardeau for relief. For several years he has been merchandising at Cape Girardeau, for which he voted, was strong for him. He lists his liabilities at \$7,000 and his assets, which include open accounts amounting to \$2,500, amounts to about the same. The largest claim listed against him is a note to C. L. West with Father Home.

President Wilson has trouble on his hands. He has appointed a Boston lawyer named Brandeis to succeed Justice Lamar on the federal supreme court bench. It seems that Brandeis is not an orthodox politician and has ideas not shared in the Cape. Therefore the senate threatens to refuse to approve the appointment. It is claimed that he has radical ideas. That wouldn't do. To be a supreme judge one must not have passed the stage of walking on stilts.

Last week, in daylight five men entered and robbed a Chicago bank of \$10,000 and escaped. Such a feat is almost beyond belief in a populous part of the city where policemen swarm. This week the five men were located and arrested. One of the men confessed and implicated fifteen members of the police force. That explains it. Too often the guardians of the law are themselves crooks.

Clinton Leaman, formerly of the Farmington News, dropped in on the Kicker the other day. He has bought the Sikeston Herald and will make of it a Republican paper. Mr. Leaman is a newspaper man of ability and may be depended on to get out a live paper.

The Democratic politicians had their feed at Cape Girardeau last week. The Republican feed took place there at Washington's birthday. With the leaders of both parties continually at the feed, the rank and file ought to be happy.

The auditor has ordered a special election in Cape county for Saturday, February 19, to select a successor to the late Judge Ramsey to preside over the court of common pleas.

M. A. Scott, the negro cook and restaurant man of Cape Girardeau, died suddenly Monday afternoon and the police. He was well known to many people of Scott county.

Beth Rapp, formerly of Cross Plains, but now of Wilson, Ark. was here last week buying stock. He bought near two car loads at \$1.75 per bushel.

Returns from a referendum vote last evening had headquarters at Chicago indicate that 65 per cent of the railway employees have voted to demand an 8-hour day.

Joe Miederhoff of McMullin was here Sunday. He says the family are well pleased with their new location.

W. H. Tanner of Sikeston and J. E. Congleton and J. H. Hutton of Morley were Kicker callers last week.

L. Daugherty has packed his drugs and will move to Morley, where he will engage in the drug business.

August Lux and John Reinagle of Kelso and Otto Schlitter of Oran rural route were here Monday.
Wm. R. Lacy, editor of the Caruthersville Democrat, died Friday night of last week.

FROM CARY.
Monday Jess Noelen and Will Burns started with a wagon-load of sacks to work on the levee at Moore's Landing. The water was so high they could not get there and had to bring the sacks back.
The people are all coming out of the North Cut neighborhood. It is covered with water and they are expecting the levee to break at any time.

The Mesdames Will Trease, Nellie Humphrey, Eva Wile and Earnest Lawson, Lorin Hannah Sundaway and family.
Our school was dismissed last Thursday on account of the teacher, J. M. Crow being sick, but opened again Monday with good attendance.

Raymond Clark and wife and Elmer Moore and wife of Mullins Island spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Harris.
The Mesdames Della and Edna Speed, of Lemons District Sunday, with Tommy Rogers and wife. Harrison Burdow of the Lemons neighborhood has moved into the house vacated by John Reece. Bob Buttry, of Lemons district, came to Cary Sunday. He reports his wife very ill with malaria.

Mrs. Marion Green of Lambertville visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gibbons, last week.
Mrs. Will Burns and brother, Marion Wiley, returned from a two weeks visit in Kentucky.

Mrs. Anna Hutehcraft and daughter, Irene of Dudley, Mo. are visiting relatives here.

Butch Palmer and Geo. Humphrey returned home Monday from a visit in Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lynn Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dunning.

The rain has done great damage here. The water is all over North Cut.

Alie Lynn and wife of near Blodgett are visiting Claude Lynn and wife.

Mrs. Eva Riley and son of Kentucky are visiting relatives here.

J. Roberts and family visited Lee Cunningham and wife Sunday.

Jerry Speed returned Monday from a visit to Keokuk, Ky.

Mrs. Viola Cunningham is very low with nervous trouble.

Rita Rogers Sunday with Tommy Rogers and wife.

Lee Simpson is moving his corn from Cary to Blodgett.

John Reese and family moved to Perkins last week.

Will Lamm of the North Cut was in Cary Saturday.

Miss Beulah Simpson of Blodgett was here Saturday.

Mr. Broadhacker visited friends at Morley last week.

W. T. Hooker and family moved to Benton Monday.

Jess Burdow is visiting relatives in Kentucky.

Claude Lynn was in Charleston this week.

Tom Gibbons was in Charleston Sunday.

FROM CROSS PLAINS.
Mrs. James Coghill of East Prairie, left for Crowder last week after a visit with her sisters, Mesdames Orval and Oscar Woods.

Little Rosalee Chostner is sick. Mrs. T. P. Fletcher, who has been sick for some time is able to be up.

There is so much water on the ground some of the children cannot get to school.

Miss Viola Nanne of Marble Hill is visiting her sister, Mrs. Monroe Chostner.

Miss Pearl Minter and Chas. Spaulding Sunday with Miss

Ruth Harrison.
Miss Bessie Goddard visited at the A. G. Woods home on Monday of last week.
Ray Bonfield spent Sunday with Charlie and Leslie Harrison. Miss Mary Todd spent Saturday with Miss Bessie Goddard.
U. S. Lane of Crowder visited in this locality last week.
Archie Woods spent Sunday with John Kraft.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.
Mrs. John Hahn received a thousand dollar check from the W.O.W., of which her late husband was a member. Fraternal insurance is the kind that our farmers should carry, and it is a pity that more of them do not become members of our W.O.W. A \$1000 monument will be erected by the lodge to the memory of Mr. Hahn.

Louis and Peter Gosche, John Kihlhofer, Louis Goetz, Chas. Diebold and others in their neighborhood had a meeting last week and decided to put up a phone towards Chaffee. They want the Bell line.

Louis Schlitter, sr. and son, Louis, and Albert Goetz were at the swamps last Thursday, where Mr. Schlitter has rented some corn land from August Lux.

Jess Logel and his father-in-law Nick Legrand, of Kelso, were here last week. Jess came out to look over the John Hahn farm with a view to buying it.

John B. Gosche, Chas. Hatter, Mr. and Mrs. John Blattel and Mrs. Willie Dume were Chaffee shoppers last Wednesday.

Leonard Schmitt and Charles Ziegler were hauling sand the first of last week. Leonard will plaster his house.

On account of the heavy rain the attendance at church was very small Sunday.

Everybody and his friend were nursing the stove during the bad weather last week.

R. M. Minno, who is making ties for August Glasser spent Saturday evening at Chaffee.

Alex Beck is building a barn on his farm about two miles from Chaffee.

George Dume and Theodore Goetz were sick with colds last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Scherer were at Chaffee Wednesday of last week.

Dr. Rodemeyer and Clem Westrich of Kelso were here Friday.

Cooper Spradlin is clearing land for Leo Seyer.

FROM LUXEMBURG.
Joe Seyer has bought a purchased Herford cow. Joe now has three fine Poland-China hogs.

Mrs. John Enderle and son Albert, and daughters, the Mesdames Bertha and Celestia, were at Commerce last week.

B. J. Enderle is circulating a petition to the county court to have Henry Sanders retained as road overseer.

Geo. Glueck and Fred Lux and their families spent Saturday at the August Lux home.

John Glasser believes in pure-bred ducks. He has three that cost him \$3.50.

Miss Alvina Lux spent Tuesday with the families of Geo. Glueck and Fred Lux.

Aloys Heisserer spent Monday with Wm. Seyer, who is sick.

B. J. Enderle spent Sunday evening at Wm. Leiblies.

For Sale.—40 acres of land, 15 acres deadened. Lumber on the land for a house. Price \$1,600. Mrs. C. Beklund, Randles, Mo. 48-3t

If you want the truth, you must read the unmuzzled Kicker.

FROM ANCELL.
The rainy weather has been a detriment to all kinds of work about this end of the county. The ditch work between here and the Cape has shut down because of high water, and railroad business is seriously interfered with. A work train went out Sunday morning to look after washouts between Rockview and Delta. Monday afternoon all trains were held in the Illinois yards until washouts could be repaired. The Frisco trains are running over the Cotton Belt tracks on account of the high water.

We are glad to report Grandpa Gillan's broken arm much better. Mr. Engle, our blacksmith and auctioneer, is still at the Cape crying a sale for Hobbs, the second hand dealer. During his absence Frank Arnold is tacking on horse-shoes.

Mr. and Mrs. August Ziegler visited their father, Joseph Ziegler, this week.

George Walter scanned up his saw mill last week intending to do some sawing. A leak in the boiler was discovered and it was found that a broken stay bolt was the cause. Leo Diebold of Kelso was called to repair it.

Saturday of last week auditors for this division of the Cotton Belt checked out Agent Head and installed Agent Rudy from Malden. Mr. Head will continue to work for the Cotton Belt at Clarendon, Ark. We welcome Mr. Rudy but regret the loss of Mr. Head.

John Linhart of New Hamburg was here Monday.

FROM HEAD DISTRICT.
Miss Emma Sander is staying with the family of Wm. Uelsmann. Miss Alvina Sander spent last week with Mrs. L. E. Tacker.
Mrs. George Roth and Miss Lola Weaver spent Tuesday of last week with Mrs. Casper Eifert, Jr.
Mrs. David Miller is sick.
Mrs. Wm. Spradlin of Macedonia is visiting her son in St. Louis.

Wednesday was the last night of the merchants' free show at Hilmo.

THE CLUB OFFER.
I had intended to abandon the clubbing proposition, as it is a great deal of annoyance to me, especially when it sometimes, but not often happens that a subscriber fails to get what was ordered.

However, I find that many subscribers are pleased with the Kansas City Star and the Woman's world, and have been able to get a special rate on these, so that I can offer them and Gentlewoman, and Farm and Home and Better Farming, five publications together with the Kicker, for the small sum of \$135. Or for \$120 without the Kansas City Weekly Star.

Then I have arranged another clubbing proposition that is very very attractive:

Pictorial Review, price \$1.50
Farmer & Stockman, price \$1.00
The Kicker, price \$1.00
The Housewife, price \$1.50

Total Value, \$4.00
These \$4 values all for \$2. The Pictorial Review is an especially high-grade publication for women and girls, and the Farmer & Stockman is among the best of farm publications.

So that no advantage may be had over those who have already paid their dollar for the Kicker, subscribers already on the list may have the remainder of the clubs sent to you by paying the difference to this office or any authorized solicitor.

Put the Kicker in every working class home.
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FROM ORAN.
Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Heisserer and Mrs. Harry Wammack were called to St. Louis to the sick bed of Harry and Mrs. Heisserer.
A change was made in Rural Route No. 1 so as to include the Bleda settlement and Heisserer neighborhood. The post office at Bleda has been abolished.

The Iron Mountain road suffered so many washouts from the rain that trains ran only between Charleston and Oran Monday and Tuesday.

Martin Seufert a St. Louis commission man, was here and bought up about a car load of stock peas paying a good price.

We are to have another pool room to be located in the Dirnberger building with Henry Radcliff of Sikeston as operator.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Grojan have moved over to Dutchtown where Lawrence says he will have more steady employment.

Alvis Keken and John Grassier of New Hamburg parish, were here Monday.

Joe Miederhoff and E. T. Manning of McMullin were here Saturday.

The recent rain did much damage to bridges and overflowed crops.

Asa Bomer of Morley was here Monday.

PAUPERIZING THE POOR.
From the Milwaukee Leader.
Milwaukee's superintendent of poor is very much worried for fear the judges will be imposed upon by the poor. Like most professional dispensers of alms, Mr. Spindler looks upon the poor as his enemy. He fears that "the people will become accustomed to depend upon such a fund."

This is one of the per phrases of those who dispense relief. They are always afraid that the poor will be pauperized. They never have any fear that the rich will be pauperized, no matter how much unearned income they may receive.

Before the war, England, was the classic land of the charity expert and English literature on the subject was filled with terrible warnings against the danger of increase in poverty by giving relief. Now England is confronted with a most remarkable situation. Recent reports of the boards of guardians, have brought out the remarkable fact that there are no paupers left in England except the helpless.

Work solved the problem.
The solidarity of the laborers at the polls means the success of the cause of the workers.

Read the unmuzzled Kicker.

FROM CHAFFEE.
If anyone can invent a scheme that will "break up the home" more effectively than capitalism, it might be interesting to hear of it. Every week we see and read of homes being broken up because of poverty. Last week two children called at Squire Vickery's for food. Mrs. Vickery investigated and found Mrs. Ida Eates, a widow, and four children starving. County court was in session at Benton and the family was taken there to be disposed of. The best that society could do for the unfortunates was to send the mother and children to the poor house, where the children are advertised to be let out to anyone who will care for them. They range in age from six to 14 years.

The wife of Switchman Cliff West was taken to the Cape hospital last week for treatment. She has been in declining health for some time. She was accompanied on the trip by her husband and Mesdames B. E. Banks and Helen Townsend.

While out hunting, Jack Doyle and Henry Sherf discovered the head of a hog in a hollow stump with a bullet hole in it. From the mark in the ears it proved to be a hog that John Schultz had missed. Somebody got cheap pork.

In a hotly contested basketball game here between Sikeston and Chaffee High Schools, Saturday night Sikeston won.

PUBLIC SALE.
Wednesday, February, 16 I will sell, on the J. W. Farris place, one fourth mile west of Reiman, five work mules, a mare and 10-month-old colt, six head of cattle including one milk cow, two binders, mower, hay-rake, wheat drill, two-horse corn-planter, one-horse corn-planter, three 2-horse cultivators, two sulky plows, three 2-horse plows, two 1-horse plows, three 1-horse shovel plows, a 4-harrow, section harrow, a 4-horse disc, log wagon, farm wagon, buggy and harness, about 300 bushels of corn, a lot of pea hay, about 20 bales of straw, household and kitchen furniture and many other articles.

Terms.—\$5 and under cash, over \$5 a credit of six months will be given, purchaser giving 8 per cent note with approved security. Two per cent discount for cash on sums over \$5. LEO STEHR.

For Sale.—A farm of 88 acres known as the J. D. Clymer farm, sixty acres in cultivation. Two and a half miles northwest of Commerce, near Commerce and Hilmo road. Price reasonable. Mrs. J. D. Clymer and children, 49-4t. Commerce, Mo.

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